

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 1-4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-25. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5 and claims 7, 9 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 14-16. Accordingly, claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 have been canceled and claim 6, which previously depended on claim 5 has been amended to depend on claim 1 as amended. In addition, claim 10 has been amended to depend on new claim 14 and new claims 17-25 have been added similar to claims 2-4 but dependent directly or indirectly on claim 16 (claims 17-19), 14 (claims 20-22), or 15 (claims 23-25). The claims have also been amended to improve their form or to delete reference numerals. In addition, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to improve its form. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant has amended the Abstract to correct these informalities which it is respectfully submitted overcomes the Examiner's objection to the Abstract.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in the use of the phrase "for example". In response, Applicants have amended claim 12, *inter alia*, to remove this recitation, thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Schulz DE 197 52 336* for the reasons set forth on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. The Examiner also indicated, however, that claims 5-7, 9 and 11 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if

rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5, have rewritten claims 7, 9 and 11 in independent form as new claims 14-16, respectively, have amended claim 6 to depend on claim 1 as amended, and have canceled claims 5, 7, 9 and 11. In addition, claim 10 has been amended to depend on claim 14 and new claims 17-25 have been added depending directly or indirectly on one of claims 16, 14 or 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended, claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 have been canceled, and new claims 14-25 have been added. The Abstract of the Disclosure has also

been amended. A check in the amount of \$272.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee for one extra independent claim over 3 and one extra total claim over 20. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Applicants also submit herewith a Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

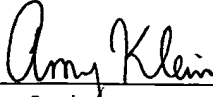
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Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention relates to a~~ A device for coupling a coolant supply to a roller, especially for continuous casting installations. ~~According to the invention,~~ mounts the roller ~~is mounted~~ in a pillow block ~~by means of~~ via journals and roller bearings. The roller, ~~and~~ can be supplied with a coolant ~~by means of~~ via at least one axial borehole guided through the journals. The ~~inventive~~ device ~~comprises~~ includes a sealing unit, preferably in the form of an elastic sleeve, that can be fixed to the journal in a pressure-tight manner, in order to carry out the coupling to the borehole and a pillow block cover that can be fixed to the pillow block for covering the borehole and ~~comprises~~ includes at least one coolant channel that can be connected to the coolant supply. An insert can be introduced into the pillow block cover in order to couple the borehole to the coolant channel.